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SENATE BILL

No. 56

Introduced by Senator Dunn

(Principal coauthor: Senator Ducheny)

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Jones)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Benoit, Bermudez, Bogh, and
Emmerson)

January 12, 2005

An act to add Section ~~69614~~ 6009.5 to the *Business and Professions Code*, and to add Sections 69614 and 77001.5 to the *Government Code*, relating to trial ~~courts~~ court judges and officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 56, as amended, Dunn. Trial ~~courts~~ judgeships court judges and officers.

(1) Existing law requires a member of the State Bar to maintain specified information on the official membership records of the State Bar.

This bill would require the State Bar to adopt procedures to facilitate reporting of mandatory and voluntary information by providing members with a centralized mechanism for reporting information online at the State Bar Internet Web site.

(2) Existing law specifies the number of judges of the superior court for each county.

This bill would authorize ~~25~~ 50 additional judges to be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the 2006–07 fiscal year, to the various county superior courts, pursuant to uniform criteria approved by the Judicial Council. The bill would require the Judicial Council to report biannually to the Legislature and the Governor on the factually determined need for new judgeships in each superior court, as specified.

The bill would require the Judicial Council, on or before November 1, 2007, to adopt, and report to the Legislature annually thereafter upon, judicial administration standards and measures that promote the fair and efficient administration of justice.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6009.5 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 6009.5. The State Bar shall adopt procedures to facilitate
4 reporting of mandatory and voluntary information by providing
5 members with a centralized mechanism for reporting information
6 online at the State Bar Internet web site, including, but not
7 limited to, data required to be provided pursuant to the State Bar
8 Act, or by other statutes, rules, and case law, and demographic
9 information. Any demographic data collected shall be used only
10 for general purposes and shall not be identified to any individual
11 member or his or her State Bar record.

12 ~~SECTION 1.~~

13 SEC. 2. Section 69614 is added to the Government Code, to
14 read:

15 69614. (a) Upon appropriation by the Legislature in the
16 2006–07 fiscal year, there shall be ~~25~~ 50 additional judges
17 allocated to the various county superior courts pursuant to the
18 uniform criteria described in subdivision (b) for determining the
19 need for additional superior court judges.

20 (b) The judges shall be allocated, in accordance with the
21 uniform standards for factually determining additional judicial
22 need in each county, as approved by the Judicial Council in

1 August, 2001, and as modified and approved by the Judicial
2 Council in August, 2004, pursuant to the Update of Judicial
3 Needs Study, based on the following criteria:

4 (1) Court filings data averaged over a period of three years.

5 (2) Workload standards that represent the average amount of
6 time of bench and nonbench work required to resolve each case
7 type.

8 (3) A ranking methodology that provides consideration for
9 courts that have the greatest need relative to their current
10 complement of judicial officers.

11 (c) The Judicial Council shall report to the Legislature and the
12 Governor on or before November 1 of every even-numbered year
13 on the factually determined need for new judgeships in each
14 superior court using the uniform criteria for allocation of
15 judgeships described in subdivision (b), as updated and applied
16 to the average of the prior three calendar years' filings. ~~This~~
17 ~~report shall include an analysis of the extent to which the~~
18 ~~allocation of new judgeships in the prior two-year period has~~
19 ~~affected the administration of justice, access to the courts, and~~
20 ~~the efficient use of judicial resources.~~

21 *SEC. 3. Section 77001.5 is added to the Government Code, to*
22 *read:*

23 *77001.5. On or before November 1, 2007, the Judicial*
24 *Council shall adopt, and shall report to the Legislature annually*
25 *thereafter upon, judicial administration standards and measures*
26 *that promote the fair and efficient administration of justice,*
27 *including, but not limited to, the following subjects:*

28 *(1) Providing equal access to courts and respectful treatment*
29 *for all court participants.*

30 *(2) Case processing, including the efficient use of judicial*
31 *resources.*

32 *(3) General court administration.*